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In answer to the many inquiries of friends regarding the Industrial Edition we will state that all orders for the same sent in or left at The Sun office will be as promptly filled as possible. Owing to the great demand for copies of the edition some may be a trifle late in reaching people from a distance, but they will sure be there.

Jack Frost is more welcome than Yellow Jack, even in mid-summer.

There will be large crowds at the State Fair next week. It is a hummer and excels all others.

They had a \$150,000 cotton fire at Columbus, Ga., a few days ago, thus sending up 2,000 bales in smoke.

When you see a man walking along the street with his head thrown back as if he knew it all, it may be he is only on ballast.

"The great cause of education is too important to be made the plaything of sentiment or local ambition," says The St. Augustine Record.

The sub-committee of the Panama Canal Commission favors a lock canal. There is every prospect of it being land-locked for some time to come.

It is gratifying to know that after all the talk and supposed progress on the Panama canal, "actual" work will be commenced in a few months at least.

A pretender to the throne of Russia has appeared. If he finds it as hot as the present occupant, he won't want to hold it down until it gets cooled off a little.

The free distribution of seeds by Uncle Sam will commence December 1st and in about three months from the time the people who used them will be mad at their uncle.

New Orleans business men are talking of organizing a five million dollar life insurance company. We don't know much about life insurance, but would like to be president.

If a cotton factory in Georgia is made to pay 15 per cent on the investment, why cannot the same profit be made on one in Florida? We have the raw material at hand and there are several men in our county and city who have faith in a cotton factory.

The first day of the State Fair at Tampa was a good opener, over 7,000 tickets being sold. When we stop to consider that the people are not so eager for the first day, the crowd was a good one. The Fair is the best ever held in the South and there will be a larger crowd next week.

Ocala is having numerous objections of late on the temperance question. The death of a man named Brown from the effects of the grog sold there, and the shooting of another man a few days ago, which was brought about by liquor, are very timely for those business men who signed the petition, fearing that their business would be ruined if they got local option.

NORTH AND SOUTH.

There is much talk in regard to President Roosevelt's visit to the South and the impression made, both on the President and on the South, which could be easily understood by any, all, if they would enjoy the same experience as President Roosevelt and make a similar tour. There is little or no difference between the people of both sections. Both are Americans and proud of it. It is doubtful in the mind of the writer if you could find a man in the North but what is proud of the rapid progress being made in the South and if they could only come and see for themselves would be prouder still.

When President Roosevelt came he found men of his own stamp of character; he saw the South as a part of his own native land and its people as his people, hence it is not surprising that he conquered a place in their hearts which nothing can ever obliterate.

Himself, an ardent American and worshipping at the shrine of its loftiest ideals he found here that he was standing on common ground with the Southern people who have ever bowed at the same stars and stood for the same patriotic principles.

The President came as an honest man, says The Chattanooga Tradesman, with honest words of admiration for what the South loved most and at once the hearts of the people were opened to him as none could have prophesied would ever occur. His words of greeting to Mrs. Jackson, "the widow of the great Stonewall Jackson," as he involuntarily exclaimed, and as being worth his whole trip to have met, was the manliest tribute that he could have paid to the holiest memories of the South and it made him thenceforth as one of our own people.

The trip was indeed a great one. Great for the President, for he knows the South as he never knew it before, and great for the South, as it can now challenge the world through a channel that will not be questioned as to its loyal devotion to what this nation stands for—genuine Americanism.

The President knows now and the world likewise knows that the enemies of this republic are not to be found in the South, but that, here exists the strongest bulwark of patriotism that remain on this continent.

President Roosevelt is a wonderful man and the South is perhaps prouder of him today than is any other portion of this country. May that friendship and confidence never be less on either side. The whole country needs such a leader at this time and that leader needs the South to sustain him in his efforts to carry forward this government to its manifest destiny.

PEANUTS AS FORAGE.

The general and popular conception of the value of the peanut is more in keeping with its association as a side light to the circus than as a valuable farm product and forage crop, says The Journal of Agriculture. However, the peanut is a valuable leguminous plant for the South, where it has long been grown in certain sections as a staple market crop and where its value as a forage crop for farm stock is being more and more appreciated and its culture for this purpose is becoming more general.

The area devoted to peanut culture, according to the 12th census, increased from 208,946 acres in 1880 to 516,688 acres in 1899, or an increase of over 153 per cent while the total production increased over 233 per cent during the same period. The Arkansas Experiment Station has grown peanuts for a series of years and in a recent bulletin has given a summary of its observations on the culture and uses of the plant for stock food together with recommendations for growing the crop.

Particular attention was given to the Spanish peanut, a small but prolific variety, which has been observed to make a good growth and given profitable returns wherever the cowpeas can be grown with success. The numerous estimates made by the Arkansas station as regards the yield of hay from a crop of peanuts varies from one to nearly three tons per acre. This hay is usually worth at least \$10 a ton and may be considered a by-product when the nuts are harvested for market.

In connection with the value of peanuts as a forage crop, it may be noted that in Virginia there is a man who has been accumulating a tidy fortune through the quality of hams cured and packed by him. The hams have a rich and sweet flavor which makes them in great demand at increased prices. The packer each year goes through neighboring States buying up "rag-bucks" which he has shipped to his farm. It is

there that they are given a food which imparts the flavor and sweetness—nothing more than peanuts.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

For some months the Postal Telegraph Cable Company has been trying to run a line of wires through Florida. The Western Union has had practically a monopoly of the business for many years. It has contracts with the railroads over whose lines it runs its wires and in return for telegraphic service the railroads distribute material for the keeping up of the wires of the company.

When the Postal attempted to enter the Florida field, says a dispatch from Tallahassee, the railroads, in accordance with their contracts with the Western Union, refused to give it the same advantages in service that they gave the Western Union. The first difficulty that the Postal met was in getting a right-of-way along the tracks of the railroads for the placing of poles. This difficulty was overcome by an act of the last Legislature, which gives the right to condemn rights-of-way and this was done. As soon as the company was to begin wiring its lines, shipments of poles and wires were offered for transportation to the Atlantic Coast Line. The railroad company replied that while it would haul the poles, wires and other materials from one station to another when they were offered for transportation, it declined to furnish a train to distribute them along the tracks as it had done for the Western Union.

On complaint of the Postal Company against the Coast Line the matter came up recently for a hearing before the Railroad Commissioners of Florida. The Postal charged the railroad with discrimination in performing a service for the Western Union that it would not perform for the Postal and petitioned the commissioners to order the discrimination of material to be stopped and to prescribe a reasonable rate for the performance of the service by the railroad company.

The commissioners have rendered a decision in accordance with the request of the Postal Company.

SUNSTROKES.

Fools and fads both begin with the same letter and both are present in large numbers.

If a little girl with red hair is dangerous, what must a big girl be with the same colored hirsute appendage?

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It is said that one of the men engaged with pick and shovel in tearing up Union street raised his pick to strike a blow just as the whistle blew for 12 o'clock, and being true to the principles of all city employees, quit further effort and left the pick suspended in the air until time to begin work after dinner.

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LOOKS DIFFERENT.

Brothers Appleyard and Caldwell are now attacking the Buckman bill. If the excellent missionary work these two able writers are performing today had been given right in their localities previous to the passage of the bill, there would perhaps be no necessity for the agitation of the question now. Certainly two gentlemen who voted for the Buckman bill ought to have been convinced by the character of the arguments which are today being offered. But to some people the bill does not look as good today as it did when it was passed by the Florida Legislature.—Live Oak Daily Democrat.

It is plain to be seen that all fair-minded people in Florida are onto the motives of the Lake City and Jasper papers, and know who is the man behind the guns. The Gainesville people, however, will abide by the decision of the courts and the people in the State. It was a fair proposition and the State Board of Educational Control will do its duty.

To show that the people endorse the conduct of the board, we will state that 14 of the leading papers of the State have published the communication of Chairman Bryan to The Metropolitan of Jacksonville.

NOT SO BAD.

The Ocala papers are trying to make it appear that local option in Alachua county is creating great havoc, which is not the truth. It cites the killing of a negro at Orange Heights as one instance, and the facts are that there was no liquor in the case. The negro threatened a white man, and afterward he cursed the little child of the man, who did the shooting in self-defense.

The other was a case where a number of negroes got whiskey from Ocala, or some other license town, and had a drunken row. Perhaps if there had been no liquor to be had in Ocala there would not have been any trouble.

In certain localities there may be some trouble, where liquor is brought into the county from the places that have license; but there has not been a drunken man arrested in this city for six months who got his liquor of a blind tiger. Our officers are making it too lively for them.

BERMUDA ONION SETS.

A Tampa news item in The New York Fruit and Produce says: As the time for planting Bermuda onions is approaching the question of which is preferable, sets or seed, is being discussed. The acreage of onions will undoubtedly be increased as those who experimented last year are pleased with results concerning Bermuda sets. Crenshaw Bros. say:

"We handled through our seed department last season 2,000 bushels of Bermuda onion sets, planting on our own account for the market in the neighborhood of 400 bushels. These were scattered in different sections of this State, and while we know from experience that Bermuda onions will mature quicker from sets than from seed, we do not advise that the crop will be superior. We found that the seed, while maturing later, matured a much more uniform crop. It is possible that the sets being grown in the northern sections of this country, then planted in this State, causes the difference in maturity. We expect as usual to handle a considerable quantity of Bermuda sets and we are also among the largest importers of Bermuda."

A FEW QUESTIONS.

What does The Time-Union mean by charging the State Board of Education with a breach of trust in the University matter? Had Lake City a divine right to the school? Was it not an open field and a fair fight, and did not Gainesville win in a fair contest? Are the personal interests of Lake City paramount to the education of our youth? If the courts kill the law, where is Lake City benefited? The Legislature in extraordinary or regular session would doubtless re-enact the law and Gainesville would win more easily than before. Is Lake City totting fair under defeat? We don't expect The Times-Union to answer all these questions at once and judging the future by the past it will ignore all of them. That paper believes in the majority rule, when it is with the majority.—Levy Times-Democrat.

A school boy on being asked to write a sentence containing the word "dogma," deliberated for a time and then wrote: "The dogma have five pups."



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